

CEDET & ASPAT

CEDET – Centro para Desenvolvimento do Potencial e Talento (Center for Potential and Talent Development), a municipal organ linked to the Special Educational Coordinating sector of the Municipal Educational Secretary in Lavras, Minas Gerais – a southern state in Brazil. Since its foundation, in 1993, this center has regularly been working with 4-6% of the school population at a basic educational level, hence, currently working with thirteen municipal public schools, eight state funded schools and two private schools, and some students who came through families.

CEDET's technical support is rendered by ASPAT – Associação de Pais e Amigos para Apoio ao Talento (Association of Parents and Friends for Supporting Talent), a civil right organ of public service acknowledgment. ASPAT flourished with the need of congregating not only parents with children showing superior talent learning capacity but also other families, people, institutions and community positive entities in order to provide basic assistance and support to this program developed by CEDET. Furthermore, this program is also aimed at assisting the outspread of its unique ideal concept, which should be appropriately into the upbringing and superior talent capacity development in our country.

DID YOU KNOW?

Currently CEDET/Lavras has 512 students enrolled, which corresponds to 3% of the 13.308 talented students as identified by the 2015 Brazilian school census, even though the city's population corresponds to 0.05% of the nationwide population!

Special Education in Focus

It was published on the Lavras Official Press* the consolidated guidelines for Special Education on Basic Education system. As special education coordinator, Marcela Rezende Mendes Oliveira has quoted, "to responsibly meet the different needs of students enrolled in the public school system, certainly becomes one of the greatest challenges presently being posed as a broader socially inclusive education has increased at a national public politics level". Marcela Oliveira highlights that such guidelines was determined through broad discussions, hence, standardizing the educational service and favoring the learning process that involves both deficient and high ability students.

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Assis Chateaubriand Prize



ASPAT proudly announces the **Prêmio Assis Chateaubriand** prize received at the XII Fórum Regional de Responsabilidade Social (XII Social Responsibility Regional Forum) sponsored by Unifenas, Netsu and Alterosa TV! A trophy and certificate were received by ASPAT on November 13th in 2015 at the Unifenas auditorium where its **Volunteer Network** project was classified as one of the most important social project in the south and southwestern region in Minas Gerais.

ASPAT Elections



"On April 12th 2016, during an Extraordinary General Meeting, ASPAT's board of directors and its associates gathered at CEDET house as established by its statutes. Founding associates, distinguished citizens, contributors and guests were present in order to elect a new board of directors for the 2016/2017 biennial term. The new board was chosen as follow: **President:** Raquel Campos; **Vice President:** Renata Cunha; **1st Secretary:** Maria Celeste Almeida; **2nd Secretary:** Giovanna Carla Cândida; **1st Finance Director:** Staël Maria Patto; **2nd Finance Director:** Rejane Simplício; **1st Technical Director:** Zenita Guenther; **2nd Technical Director:** Josiane Patrícia de Carvalho; **1st Communitary Issue Director:** Alcione Lopes; **2nd Communitary Issue Director:** Maria de Lourdes Oliveira; **1st International Issue Director:** Geovani Németh-torres; **2nd International Issue Director:** Lucilene Ferreira; **Revenue Counsel:** Virgílio Augusto Bandeira; Magno de Sousa; José Rigato; **Proxies:** Andreia Cristina Pena; Valéria Resende; Dirlene Botelho; **Advisory Council:** consisted of facilitators registered at CEDET, Rosa Maria Afonso and representatives from schools enrolled at CEDET. Following the proclamation of the previously mentioned names, the new board took over".

Raquel Campos, journalist, has long been linked to ASPAT. Since her daughter-a current college student-received educational intervention by CEDET, Raquel has always collaborated with us. Our newly-elected president, Raquel Campos, has gently shared some kind words with our annual newsletter.

I hereby would like to start out by thanking... That is right, thank you! How joyful it is to be in ASPAT's board, which performs such an important work conducted with children and teenagers sheltered by CEDET and their families. I am very grateful to all of the CEDET's staff, not only for always having given caring to my daughter Sarah, but also for allowing me to be part of the volunteer staff. I would also like to think Dr. Zenita for this invitation and therefore, I pledge myself to all of the staff, associates, parents, facilitators and partners. Let's get to work then! 💖



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X Educators International Encounter



“CEDET: Focusing on the mental production rhythm – School acceleration and Advance”.

This was the X Educators International Encounter theme of the CEDET-ASPAT, held on September 18-19th 2015 in Poços de Caldas (MG). Also, in this event, the local CEDET branch 5th anniversary was celebrated. The encounter was attended by speakers from four foreign countries, 26 oral communications, five posters, besides volunteer panels as well as CEDET units: Lavras (MG), Assis (SP) and São José do Rio Preto (SP)



CEDET is visited by Portuguese researcher

Marcelino Armênio Martins Pereira, from Universidade de Coimbra (Portugal), visited us in May 2016. This renown researcher pointed out the current situation in Portugal regarding school accelerations and the anticipated access to college there.



CEDET becomes international highlight

Good news! The European Council for High Ability, ECHA highlighted ASPAT and CEDET as making part of institution network related to the education of the high ability and talented ones. ASPAT turns out becoming the only Brazilian association being granted such status.

Check for more information at: <http://echa.info>.



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New Publications

In 2015 CEDET added two more articles to the extensive list of academic productions during its 23 years of existence. The first article, which regarded intellectual earliness, was written by Dr. Zenita Guenther, ASPAT's technical director, Josiane Carvalho, CEDET's facilitator and Professor André de Aguiar Braga, former student and current volunteer at CEDET. This first work was published in the Portuguese magazine *Saber & Educar* from Escola Superior de Educação de Paula Frassinetti. The second article dealt with spirituality concepts of gifted students, authored by Dr. Zenita Guenther and CEDET's facilitator, Professor Geovani Németh-Torres. These article was published in British magazine *Gifted Education International*.

- Guenther, Z. C., de Aguiar Braga, A., & Carvalho, J. (2015). Precocidade intelectual na fase pré-escolar: Identificando Sinais de Talento Acadêmico na Educação Infantil. *Saber & Educar*, (20), 72-83. [10.17346/se.vol20.161](https://doi.org/10.17346/se.vol20.161).
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European Voluntary Service



ASPAT had two Slovakian volunteers between 2014 and 2015, Jakub Krenželák and Pavol Kupka, through *European Voluntary Service*, an European Union exchange program. During their stay both learned Portuguese and adapted themselves to the Brazilian way of life very fast as well as introduced the Slovak culture to the students at the CEDET schools from Lavras (MG), Assis (SP) and Poços de Caldas (MG).

Also through the EVS, during the same period, five youngsters from Lavras took part in volunteer work projects in Europe. Mayron Cardoso, a former student and current CEDET student, shared many positive experiences by teaching languages as well as by accomplishing social activities at KERIC (Čadca, Slovakia). Meanwhile, Alessandra da Silva Lázaro, reported that in her own project in Drăgășani, Romania, she had the opportunity of sharing a house with 11 people from 6 different countries, and also working with non-formal education

Get well soon, Tatiana!



We would like to wish our facilitator, Tatiana Rezende, who also was ASPAT's vice-president during 2014/2015, a lot of strength and determination during her recovering illness process. In July 2015 she suffered a Cerebral Vascular Accident and since then she has been under sick leave. We from CEDET wish you well and miss you a lot. Your presence has always enlightened us with your optimism and seriousness.

Our Distinguished Students



During CEDET's anniversary ceremony, certificates were granted to *outstanding students during the first semester of 2015*, namely: **Thaciane Alves Silva** (15 years old, from João Batista State School), **Rafael Cardoso Raimundo** (13 years old, from Tiradentes State School), **Samuel Fonseca Colombo Andrade** (12 years old, from Francisco Sales Municipal School), **Pedro Henrique Silva Alves** (11 years old, from Cinira de Carvalho State School) and **Luá Reis Firmino** (12 years old, from Gammon Presbyterian Institute).

◆◆◆ Other Highlights ◆◆◆

Jéssica Aparecida Mariano (14 years old from José Serafim Municipal School), won UFLA's Literary Contest and whose poem has been published. Also, **Alanys Valença Martins** (17 years old from Colégio Impacto), **Mariana Volpi** (11 years old from Colégio Losango) and **Paulo César Lima Neto** (16 years old from Colégio de Lourdes), were selected as neoacademics at the Academia Juvenil de Letras e Artes de Lavras (Juvenile Academy of Letters and Arts of Lavras).

Pablo Santiago (12 years old, José Luiz de Mesquita Municipal School), was the 26th in Minas Gerais among one hundred others in the Brazilian Math Olympics. Other Olympic medals were: **Márcio Vinícius Rezende** (15 years old, from Tiradentes State School), got a gold medal in the Brazilian Physics Olympics, **Pedro Lucas de Oliveira** (12 years old, from Colégio Tiradentes), **Gabriela Cristina Teodoro** (13 years old, from Tiradentes), received a silver medal in Math, **Vitor Fonseca** (12 years old, from Cinira de Carvalho State School), got a bronze medal in Math, **Felipe de Paula Gabriel** (13 years old, from Colégio Tiradentes), got silver medal in Math and bronze in Astronomy.

Bianca Andrade (16 years old), **Ana Júlia Alberico Freitas** (15 years old), **Thaiane de Abreu Salgado** (15 years old) and **Felipe de Paula Gabriel** (14 years old) received academic reward certificates at their school – Colégio Tiradentes. Also, at the same school, **Samuel Santos** (12 years old) was elected junior city counselor in March 2016.

Tarlei Júnior (11 years old, from Gammon Institute), got a Portuguese Language gold medal at Kumon (A Japanese private school).

Tiago Carvalho (14 years old, Dr. Dâmina Municipal School), won 1st place among the students from public schools in the vestibular examination at CEFET/Nepomuceno technical college.

Celebration with Students



On November 5th 2015, 23 students from the 9th grade and 11 facilitators gathered at SindUFLA for a farewell celebration party.

Giftedness and Talent: Who is responsible?



On April 9th 2016 CEDET staff participated in a meeting sponsored by ASPAT/Lavras and GEAT (Grupo de Estudos de Apoio ao Talento de São José dos Campos, Talent Support Study Group) held at UNESP's auditorium in São José dos Campos (SP). This occasion was a moment for this community to become fully aware of how important Special Education is to the gifted youngsters. There were accounts regarding the CEDET/Lavras experience and the **Decolar Project of São José dos Campos**, which was close by public authority in 2013 as well as to secure a pledge of good will to organize a local ASPAT in order to revert this neglecting situation.

Early Education

In 2015 we started a project on groups of five-year to six-year old children in order to find those students showing that they could learn more than what is taught in school. Forty six students were chosen among 896 in 48 groups from 6 schools according to observation guides. From these 46 students, 25 consisted of six-year-old groups and from these, 11 were selected in order to take a test regarding all the subjects covered during a whole school year. After this test, it was found that 8 students scored more than 80%. Following meetings with the parents to communicate about a possible acceleration as well as interviewing the children, 4 students were transferred to the 2nd grade.

ACCELERATION: PROCESSING DATA IN 2015 (6 SCHOOLS)

Age	Groups	Observed students	Possible students	Studied students	Accelerated students
5	25	499	21	-	-
6	23	393	25	11	4
Σ	48	892	46	11	4



In 2016 this process was extended to the students from the second stage (five-year-old students) in all municipal schools.

»»» Teacher Child Education Meeting (April 26th 2016).

CEDET Anniversary: "Dialogues" Panel

In order to celebrate CEDET's 23rd anniversary, we will hold a panel in July 30th 2016 with the participation of former students, volunteers and parents. As one of our former student, **Miguel Couto Justiniano**, a current 29-year-old entrepreneur stated: "At the age of 10, I started an individual project at a car sound system store where I first began as an apprentice then later an employee where I remained until I entered college, at 19. I took the Mechanical Engineering course, and after graduating I founded my own company, *Garagem Centro Automotivo*. I believe without a doubt that CEDET was very important to me as an influence in my professional life".

Dr. Zenita Guenther at Revista Época (renown Brazilian magazine): Issue n. 992, Feb.15th 2016, displayed a cover report of how Brazil wastes its talents. Look at <http://epoca.globo.com> a video where the founder of CEDET advises gifted children's parents.

Educational Activities at CEDET

In 2015 we had 108 group activities and 214 individual activities with our students. We had the support of 82 tutoring volunteers that were recruited from the community plus other 77 people and collaborating institutions. Following are some of the pedagogical areas of CEDET.



Peace Walk

The *Encenação* acting work group, made up by students from "Sol Maior" (Singing) and "Ser que não é" (Theater) groups, effectively participated in town events. On the Semana da Pátria (Nation's week) of 2015 they performed at Lavras' main downtown square. In this occasion, they paid homages to Dr. Helena Antipoff and Dr. Zenita Guenther by highlighting their legacy on gifted students, and also manifested a message of peace and love to the world. Due to the successful outcome of this presentation, the same group was invited to participate in the *Peace Walk* being organized by several religious entities and Lavras government, in October. The *Encenação* group closed the event by acting in front of a 5,000-people crowd! A special and joyful moment was set when the choir of voices assembled and guided by the students. The presentation received many applauses and compliments and the edited images had wide coverage on the social network.

1st and 2nd English Meetings



In August 2015 and March 2016 we had two unique Saturdays at CEDET when 19 students from 7 schools took part in activities and games exclusively conducted in English! Volunteers from EVS participated in this event, which was filled with "breakfasts" and "barbecues".

Cinema & Short film



We conducted two special meetings at Lavras Cultural Hall, in which Marina Botelho volunteered on teaching about Movies and filming techniques. Activities took place at the end of 2015 and culminated with a short film production made by CEDET students.

Forensic Chemistry

On March 9th, students from CEDET with interest in Chemistry as well as the facilitators Rejane and Staël participated in a special activity at the Chemistry Department at UFLA.

This activity was conducted by Professor Érika Soares de Melo along with 8th and 9th semesters from the Chemistry course. During morning and afternoon shifts, our students learned and experienced both Forensic and Metal Chemistry at the university lab. It was a very special knowledge comprehensive day.



To further check on our work and latest news, see:



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